

NEHA NEWS

ties. As Farquhar states at the end of the blog, “We have a story to tell—A positive story that every elected official, appointed board member, and public health leader in this country must hear.”

Visit www.neha.org/government-affairs-blog to view all the blogs and get caught up on what we are doing to advocate for the environmental health profession.

Spark! Webinar Series

Spark! is an ongoing series of skill-building webinars just for our members. The webinars are provided in short 30-minute segments to fit into your busy schedules. Each webinar provides 0.5 continuing education contact hours toward maintaining your NEHA credential. These webinars are available only on our Community platform at <https://community.neha.org/community>.

Recordings of past Spark! webinars are available for members to watch any time:

- September 2023: Enhancing Environmental Public Health With Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning—Part 2
- August 2023: Enhancing Environmental Public Health With Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning—Part 1
- June 2023: Leveraging Social Media for Success
- May 2023: Effective Communication for the Environmental Health Professional
- March 2023: Caring Leadership
- February 2023: Thought Leadership
- January 2023: Conversational Leadership
- November 2022: Leadership Matters

Learn more about Spark! at www.neha.org/spark.

Support the Future of Environmental Health

We will be participating again in GivingTuesday on November 28 to raise money to replenish and expand our scholarship fund. The more support we receive, the more support we can give to environmental public health students to help them join the workforce.

Even a little can go a long way. A lot can be life-changing!

- \$100 can cover the cost of a textbook.
- \$200 can cover 1 month of student groceries.
- \$1,000 covers the average cost of 1 month for student room and board.

Consider donating on November 28 to support the future of environmental health at www.neha.org/donate. And of course, donations are welcome any time.

NEHA Staff Profile

As part of tradition, we feature new staff members in the *Journal* around the time of their 1-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know our staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. This month we are pleased to introduce you to one staff member. Contact information for all our staff can be found on pages 48 and 49.



Amy Chang

I joined NEHA in November 2022 as a senior program analyst on the Program and Partnership Development team. I work on several different projects, including climate and health, emergency preparedness, and food safety. During this brief time, I have been fortunate enough to work in diverse and engaging experiences. These experiences range from learning and engaging with Alaska Natives about climate change impacts in Alaska to having hands-on environmental public health training in emergency environmental response in Alabama.

Before working at NEHA, I worked at the National Association of County and City Health Officials as the lead on food safety and climate and health projects for the environmental health team. Additionally, I have interned at the District of Columbia Department of Health on the communicable disease team, served as an epidemiologist and environmental health specialist at private consulting companies, and taught English in Japan. I received my undergraduate degree in environmental science from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in global health from George Mason University.

I currently reside in Irvine, California, with my partner and two children, but have spent most of my life in the mid-Atlantic region. While not working, I enjoy attending concerts, reading, watching movies, and exploring new activities and developing new skills with my children. My favorite things to do are going to the beach, pool, or a water park. Basically, anything with water! I am excited about working at NEHA and look forward to meeting and working with you all. 🌸

Did You Know?

Check out our new online store of NEHA-branded items at <https://neha.checkoutstores.com>. Show off your pride in your association and support students as a portion of the sales will go to the NEHA/AAS Scholarship Fund.